

As indicated on page 2 of the Office Action, Bertness does not disclose an external device having an alarm to notify a user upon receipt of the transmitted signal. Further, Bertness does not suggest that feature. Therefore, the Office Action relies on Tran (citing page 3, paragraphs 36-38 and page 4, paragraph 46). However, that language of Tran, which is a description of FIG. 2 of Tran, is related to a single communication device 10 that includes a battery 48. Device 10 simply reports the capacity of its own battery 48.

Thus, as acknowledged in the Office Action, Bertness teaches a battery charger, which is a single device with no accompanying external device. Also, as noted above, Tran teaches a single communication device 10, which reports on the capacity of its own battery 48. Therefore, neither Bertness nor Tran, which each relate to single and independent devices, taken alone or in combination, show or suggest “communication circuitry . . . configured to transmit a signal . . . and an external device having an alarm configured to notify a user upon receipt of the transmitted signal from the communication circuitry.” (Emphasis Added.)

Further, Bertness and Tran are not combinable in a manner that produces the claimed invention. Device 10 of Tran is focused on the charging of its own battery and the reporting on the status of this internal battery. Receiving charging information and status information from other battery chargers about batteries in other devices in the device of Tran would simply cause confusion. Further, Tran is notifying a user of a device from within the same device and about the condition of the battery within that device. This is because the device relies on the internal battery for its power. Thus, any notification in Tran originates from the device and is carried out to ensure that the device receives power for proper operation. In contrast, Bertness simply teaches a battery charger, which is not connected to, or concerned with, the operation of any device whose battery it charges, and therefore the in-device notification of Tran is unrelated to, and unsuitable for, battery chargers of Bertness. Thus, claim 1 is non-obvious and allowable over Bertness and Tran.


Independent claim 12 has elements similar to that of independent claim 1. Thus, for the same reasons as independent claim 1, Applicants submit that independent claim 12 is allowable as well. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that the dependent claims are also allowable by virtue of their dependency, either directly or indirectly, from the allowable independent claims.

Further, the dependent claims when read in combination with the independent claims, set forth configurations not shown or suggested in the references.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, claims 1-22 are in form for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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